

To-day's

Advertisements.

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PRICES:—Skates and Admission \$1.00
Admission 50THURSDAY, 7th January.
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A LIGHT WEIGHT BOXING COMPETITION
for a SILVER CUP, presented by
a local Gentleman.SATURDAY, 16th January.
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Hongkong, 4th January, 1897. (6)

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THE Company's Steamship

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1897. (19)

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1897. (19)

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1897. (17)

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1897. (20)

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1897. (20)

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1897. (17)

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Hongkong, 2nd May, 1897. (127)

Intimations.

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Colony or from our authorised Agents at the
Coast Ports.A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Telephone, 15th September, 1896. (6)

BIRTHS.

At Tientsin, on the 31st ultimo, the wife of A.
H. JACQUES, of a son.On the 31st ultimo, at No. 6, Hongkong Road,
Shanghai, the wife of W. A. C. FLETCHER, of a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1897.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

RUSSIA AND THE ARMENIANS.

LONDON, January 3rd.

The Tsar has authorised the collection of
funds throughout the empire for Armenian
emigrants.

APPOINTMENTS.

Sir Charles Bruce, at present Governor of the
Windward Islands, has been appointed Governor
of Mauritius in place of Sir Hubert Jerningham,
who takes the Governorship of Trinidad.

FINANCIAL CRISIS IN THE STATES.

The failure of local Banks in the western
United States continues, and two Managers
have committed suicide.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TELEGRAPHIC communication with Macao is
interrupted.The French gunboat *Comète* left Shanghai on
the 30th ulto. for Manila to relieve the *Joly*.A HOCKEY match, England v. The World, will
be played at Happy Valley to-morrow afternoon.
Bully at 4.30 sharp.SMALL-POX is causing a good deal of anxiety to
the authorities in Tokio. No less than 58 cases
in 24 hours were reported there a few days ago.DR. EDINGTON, the Cape Colonial bacteriologist,
has discovered the microbe of typhoid fever,
but no details of his discovery have been published.JAPAN'S foreign trade during the first ten months
of this year amounted to ¥34,336,311 yen, of
which ¥13,473,578 yen were imports, and
yen 20,862,732 exports.FOR having smuggled opium hidden in the
stowage of the steamer *Phra Chom Klao*, one
of the firemen was yesterday fined \$500, in default
three months' imprisonment.The *Bombay Gazette* of 10th December
states:—The steamer *Nubia* which has arrived
in Calcutta from London brought nine thousand
maunds of Russian and Californian oats.News has been received to the effect that Com-
mander McAlpine, Acting Captain of H.M.S.
Narcissus, has received his captaincy. Lieut.
Sir R. K. Arbuthnot has been promoted to Com-
mander.ONE of the blackjackets from the German flag-
ship *Kaiser* was sentenced to three months' "hard"
at the Magistrate's yesterday, for having
broken open a drawer in a Graham Street bro-
thel and stolen therefrom \$31.In Class in Queen's College: "Simple Simon,
where is the North Pole?" "I dunno, sir."
"What! you don't know where the North Pole
is? Are you not ashamed of such ignorance?"
"Well, sir, Franklin, Naansen, and all the rest
of 'em couldn't find it."It was at first reported that the present Russian
Minister to Washington would be sent to Japan,
but the *Nichi Nichi* learns that M. Lobanoff, a son
of the late Prince Lobanoff, the Russian Minister
for Foreign Affairs, will go to Japan as the
representative of Russia, after M. Hirovoo
deceased.As a blackjacket was paying off his sickle man
in Graham Street last night, the sight of his
purse tempted a coolie named Ng Li Kwan to
snatch it and make off. He was pursued and
caught, and to-day received two months' "hard"
as a reward for his cupidity.TO-MORROW morning training for the rapidly
approaching race meeting will commence in
earnest, several owners having decided to gallop
their ponies, and we understand that hereafter
Wednesday and Saturday will, as in previous
years, be the days on which fast work may be
looked for.THE January opium sales in Calcutta were held
yesterday and proved very satisfactory for the
Government of India. Patna brought only 1,007
rupees as against 1,187 in December, while
Benares was knocked down for 1,081 rupees per
chest, showing a drop of 84 rupees per chest in
one month.THE other day a cyclist went at lightning speed
over the Garden Bridge at Shanghai, and as a
huge steam roller was in his way and he
couldn't stop his machine quick enough he scow
loured himself mixed up in cranks, eccentrics,
throttle-valves and other hard things. Happily,
the roller was not hurt.ONE of the new steamers built by the Dux
Company for the Hongkong, Canton, and Macao
Steamship Company is running against the
Prinsessarna on the Macao route. Captain
Clarke, late of the *Hungshan*, is in command of
the new vessel and is said to be making things
pretty hot for the opposition boat.It is reported that the well-known "Blue
funnel" steamer *Mamoon* is to be sold to a
Chinese Company at Singapore, who will run
her between Rangoon and the Straits. The
Mamoon is about the oldest of the "Blue funnel"
liners and was for a long time commanded by
Capt. Branch on the Hongkong-Borneo route.A BIG seizure of raw opium was made yesterday
at stall No. 56, Central Market, no less than
170 taels of the drug being found there. The
stall-holder and a pantry boy appeared as the
owners at the Magistrate's to-day, and, failing to
pay a fine of \$500 each, they retire far from the
"madding crowd" for three months.THE new cotton mill, which is to be established
at Tientsin, will have, besides 10,000 spindles
and 300 looms, machinery for the manufacture
of broadcloth, Spanish stripes, flannels and
lusters. The total cost is, according to the
Tientsin Times, estimated at 600,000 taels;
400,000 taels have already been subscribed by
Chinese at Tientsin.FOUR coolies in charge of a truck laden with
nearly two tons of stone recklessly bumped a
chair coolie in Wellington Street yesterday, and
ran over one of his feet, badly crushing it. In
order to teach them a lesson in carefulness for
the future, Captain Hastings to-day very rightly
ordered them each to pay a fine of \$10 and also
to give \$10 each to their victim.TO-MORROW afternoon at Happy Valley in
the first round for the Hongkong
Football Challenge Shield, the Hongkong Colts
will play 35th Company, S.D.R.A. Kick-off
at 4 p.m. The following will play for the
Colts:—*Forwards*: L. A. Rose, T. Yole, L. E.
Brett, H. H. Seb, A. N. O'Brien, H. Halper;
Defenders: J. M. de Carvalho, N. Goncalves;
Backs: W. A. Stopan, H. Goodrich; *Goal*: R. F.
Lammert.It is to be expected that when the Great Siberian
Railway is completed to its terminus
(Vladivostok) and a direct transportation line
is established between Vladivostok and the
United States by the shortest Pacific Ocean
route, the Siberian line will, says a recent United
States Consular report, have a great effect on
the traffic from the United States, and that "our
commercial intercourse with European Russia
will increase and new openings for American pro-
ducts will be provided in Siberia."

MEMORANDA.

TO-MORROW, 6th January.
11 a.m.—Outward French Mail closes.
Noon.—Yarra leaves for Europe.THURSDAY, 7th January.
American mail due.
Daylight.—City of Peking leaves for San Fran-
cisco via usual port of call.
9 a.m.—Bayern leaves for Bremen and ports
of call.FRIDAY, 8th January.
3 p.m.—Meeting of shareholders of the Wanchai
Warehouse and Storage Co., Ltd., at No. 5,
Queen's Road Central.SATURDAY, 9th January.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of porcelain, etc., at Mr. G.
P. Lamson's sale-room, Duddell Street.We are informed that M. J. S. Kibary, the well
known Russian scientist who did some splendid
work a few years ago in the Fellows, Ponagé and
the Marlock group, committed suicide at Ponagé
on or about the 15th ultimo by opening an
artery in his neck. We understand he was
greatly worried about the refusal of the Spanish
authorities to sanction the sale to him of some
land in the Carolines.THE twin-screw steamer *Scotia*, built to the
order of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam
Navigation Company, was launched from the
Jarrow yard of Palmer's Shipbuilding and Iron
Company, Limited, on 3rd December. Her
dimensions are—Length between perpendiculars,
430 feet; beam, 52 feet; her cargo-carrying
capacity is 8,000 tons. This is the first twin-
screw steamer that has been launched for the
popular P. and O.THE *Tientsin Times* thinks Mr. Bash, representa-
tive of an American syndicate, who is now in
Shanghai, will endeavour to secure railway con-
tracts from Sheng tai-jen. "He proposed," says
Der Ostasiatische Lloyd, "to the War Depart-
ment not to contract any foreign loans until half
of the loan was ready, but, in order to commence
it, he asked for a Government loan of 10,000,000
taels, the remaining 10,000,000 he guaranteed to
procure when the Government
loan had been floated. He recommended that
the foreign loans should be made from the
United States, and the necessary material
bought from there."We read in the *Straits Times* that Ong Kia, a
Chinese hawker in Penang, who lay in prison
sentenced on a charge for bringing with him a
woman had been found guilty by a jury, has
been released. The Governor had pardoned the
false accused on a petition from Chinese, but
Ong Kia was kept in jail. The Governor would
not hear of remitting his sentence until the
Secretary of State was appealed to by petition.
After serving six weeks of his term, Ong Kia
was released upon H. E. remitting the remainder
of the sentence passed upon him. The petition
to the Secretary of State was despatched from
Penang early last month.MESSRS. BENJAMIN, KELLY AND FORTIS in their
Weekly Share Report issued this afternoon state:
—After the heavy settlement, which passed off
well, a much firmer feeling has prevailed in the
market and several stocks have strengthened
their positions. Respecting Docks they say:—
Hongkong and Whampoo Docks show a marked
improvement and after a few forced sales for the
settlement at 2 1/4 per cent. premium jumped to 2
per cent. premium with sales. —Hongkong
Lands have hardened and after sales at 75 1/2
are enquired for at that rate. West Point are
wanted at \$8 1/2, but are not obtainable. Hong-
kong Hotels are in strong request at \$3 1/2. Hum-
phreys' Estates have again been booked at \$2.
Of miscellaneous stocks they report:—Green
Islands are wanted at \$18 1/2. Electricities have
ruled firm with small sales and buyers at \$6.50.
Penwicks have changed hands at \$20 1/2 and are
wanted. Ices are firm with buyers at \$10 1/2.
Bell's Asbestos, 17/6 paid up, have been taken
off the market at \$8 and \$7 1/2 and close with
sellers at the latter rate.SAYS the *Straits Times* in a recent issue re
Hongkong:—To those who are familiar with
Hongkong and have watched its progress during
the last two decades, it will be interesting to
learn that, on the new reclamation in the centre
of the town, large and important buildings are
rapidly rising. In the old days the business
portion of the city—that is to say, the European
business portion—was to the West of the old
Club. With the removal of the Club to beyond
the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and with the
completion of the central section of the great
reclamation scheme has come a migration of the
mercantile offices to the East, and the intrusion
of the Chinese into what was only a few years
ago merely the European business quarter
but also the residential part of the town. In
fact Hongkong is being transfigured, and those
who were acquainted with it only a few years
ago will in a short time scarcely be able to
recognise it in a new and vastly improved garb.
No place in the East is altering so rapidly as
Hongkong. The tramway to the Peak, the
extending reclamations and other factors, are
making Hongkong a city which may at no
distant date vie in magnificence with Calcutta.
Yes, but we hope it will be kept cleaner than
Calcutta.A RUSSIAN CURE FOR CANCER.
Scientific medicine has not infrequently been
glad to accept the services of popular medicine
in enlarging its horizon of remedies. A notable
example of this has just been recorded in a St.
Petersburg medical journal, where a Russian
doctor describes the success which has attended
the use of wartwort sap in the treatment of
cancer. As its name implies, this plant
has long been used both in Russia and
in England as a popular remedy for
removing warts; but it remained for M.
Denisenko to turn it to account in combating
cancer. So far, this disease has never been
known to yield to the application of internal
remedies, and the seven cases cited by M.
Denisenko are of very great interest and im-
portance, for in every instance, whether the growth
was external or internal, it yielded to prolonged
use in very small doses of a preparation of
Chalcidonium sap. The sap of this plant contains
two deadly alkaloids, the chalcidone and the
sanguipyrine, which constituents necessitate the
use of the above preparation even in minute
doses with extreme caution. Time, of course,
alone can show whether the cure is only of a
temporary character, while it remains for
experience to indicate whether the constitution
can stand in the long run the continued use of
this material. It is not uncommon to read of
chalcidone poisoning in the annals of popular
medicine.Mr. Robert Brough, whose Comedy Company is
now playing in Sydney, will open in the Theatre
Royal here on or about the 20th September. It
is his intention to produce here some of the most
modern comedies and to have a strong company.
Mr. Brough writes that he believes a good com-
pany can pay its way in the Far East and he
intends to give it a fair trial. If well supported
he will tour the East every winter.WHO wrote "Rule Britannia?" Like the
famous letters of Junius, "the political hymn of
this country," as Southey called it, seems likely
to pass from generation to generation with its
authorship still a matter for controversy.
Originally forming part of a masque written
colloquially by James Thomson and David
Mallett, and produced at Maidenhead in 1740,
it has baffled the critics to determine to whom
credit is due for its composition. Mr. J.
Cuthbert Hadden discusses the problem in the
number of the *Nineteenth Century*, but his
analysis of the evidence is no more
conclusive than others that have gone before.Not a few of our readers remember the tour of
"Tommy" Hudson's Surprise Party in the Far
East four years ago. It was the best all-round
show that ever drew crowded houses in our very
own "Royal," and left a very favourable im-
pression wherever it toured. Since then Mr.
Hudson has been devoting his attention to cater-
ing for Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, and Rangoon
audiences, but we are glad to hear that he has
decided to pay a flying visit to the Gorgeous
East in the spring and will open for a short
season in Hongkong on the 10th March. From
here he goes on to Shanghai, and if sufficient
inducement is offered will "do" Japan, favouring
Hongkong with a grand farewell performance as
he passes through the colony on his way back
to India's coral strand.THAT little paper the *Weekly Box of
Curios* has just come to hand in most gorgeous
Christmas attire and is a considerably enlarged
form. The covers are about the finest pieces of
colour printing yet done in the Far East, and
are interesting if only for the fact that they give
a striking picture of *Boxe* himself. His flowing
locks are as usual conspicuous by their absence,
but he sports for the occasion a pair of wings, and
a scapular smile, and is depicted reclining on a
horn. At his call a Japanese beauty has opened
a box of curios, and sprites are liberated, each
bearing one of the national emblems. "The
colours are used with striking effect, but we
trust *Boxe* did not feel as blue as his cover is
after the holidays. The back page is devoted
to a fine advertisement of Schill's beer, in
colours, the Eastern agent for Schillz (Mr.
Emanuel) signing as Santa Claus with a re-
fined team in full swing. Inside the number are
some capital specimens of *Boxe's* photo-
engraving, also some smart drawings of the
artist's Christmas tree and some comic work.
The reading matter, as usual, is bright, witty,
and interesting and the printing is all it should
be.—*Bravo, Boxe!*THE new light invented by a French naval
officer is named by the sailors the "rat-trap."
It appears that the Mediterranean squadron left
Marseilles at 5 o'clock one evening, leaving
behind the torpedo destroyer *Faucon*, which was
to start three hours later and hunt it up. At 8
o'clock the *Faucon* weighed anchor and steamed
out in pursuit, with all lights extinguished except
this novel affair, the *rat-trap*. Nobody on
board knew the direction the squadron took, but
at 1 o'clock in the morning the *Faucon* joined it.
This "rat-trap" light is a thing of small
dimensions, placed in the stern of the vessel above
the wheel. No other light is permitted on board.
It throws out an electric light which cannot
be seen on the right or left of the ship and can
only be discovered dead ahead under certain con-
ditions known to the seeker. By means of this
invention night signals can be made when
rockets or flash-lights would be useless or liable
to betray the position of the fleet to the
enemy. It can also guide a squadron in
line, with all other lights out, even in
dangerous latitudes. The French navy alone
possesses this light, and the Admiralty evidently
attaches great importance to it, judging by the
precautions that are taken to guard it against dis-
covery. The commander of a ship and one
sworn officer alone handle it, and it is kept on
board in a special apartment, of which the com-
mander holds the key.Writing from Wales to a correspondent, Lord
Charles Beresford says:—"While the British
Empire has no apparent numerical superiority
in its Navy over certain other Powers,
isolated or combined, that superiority does not,
as a matter of fact, exist, because it is made
up of worthless and obsolete craft on the
part of the British, which even the Admiralty
would never contemplate as fit to be called
fighting ships. When you start to compare
the British Navy with that of Foreign Powers,
you must strike out of the list of both our
own and Foreign Powers all vessels of war
over the age of twelve years. Theoretically, it
would be a grand idea for us to stand still, or to
disarm, to surrender Cyprus, scuttle from Egypt,
abandon our colonies in British Guiana, and
hand over South Africa to the Transvaal or any
other interested set of persons, if this would
secure us peace for ever, and allow us to abandon
our armaments. But European nations are not
yet educated up to such high ideals. Every sign
of weakness, every concession on our part, has
always been in the past, and will be in the future,
a direct incitement to fresh demands. Our
Navy is our all. The navies of every one of
the other Powers are only appendages to their
enormous armies. Once let any two allied
Powers obtain an equality of sea power with
Great Britain, so enormously unequal would be
our military strength that the British Empire
would cease to exist the first time the interests
of those Powers came into conflict with
our interests. It is particularly important to
remember that in our large additions in ships
and auxiliaries of defence of late years we have
only been making up losses, and not gaining
an Foreign Powers.

LOSS OF A CUSTOMS CRUISER.

(From our Correspondent.)

TAMU, December 31st.
Regarding the loss of the Customs cruiser
Tamouk on the west coast of Formosa, I
am glad to say that no lives were lost, as had
at first been reported. The vessel was well known
in Hongkong and was one of the fleet and
strongest of her class that ever left that port.
She was well adapted for her work, but it was
not to be expected that one cruiser alone could put
down the wholesale smuggling along the coast.
She had always to be moving from place to
place, and it was while at this work that the
staunch little craft came to grief. She was
caught in a heavy gale and stranded on
the coast. Luckily the Commissioner of
Customs (Mr. S. J. Norman) had the vessel well
supplied with life-saving gear, and the crew all
got safely ashore.So far, we cannot understand her stranding,
experienced people being of opinion that she
should have weathered any ordinary
gale with good management, more especially
as she was always in splendid trim. We
hope the Japanese Government will not
be long in replacing her and increasing the
number of cruisers, otherwise trade will suffer
greatly from the vast amount of smuggling that
is carried on by junks at the coastal ports.The *Tamouk* now lies on the beach
split in two. We hope to see her place filled by
a vessel equally well fitted for the work.

OPENING OF THE WEST RIVER.

(Shanghai Mercury, Dec. 28th.)

An "Extra" which we published on Saturday
conveyed the important information that the
agreement for the opening of the West River had
at last been signed and approved by the Inner
Council, and we may fairly hope that the towns
of Wuchow and Hekow may shortly be thrown
open to foreign residence. Wuchow, as most of
our readers are aware, is an important trading
town, situated some twelve miles west of the
border between Kwangtung and Kwangsi, and
which latter province it is the chief city of a
prefecture. In situation at the junction of the
West River with the Fuh, flowing in from Kwei-
lin, the provincial capital, when Mr. Colquhoun
visited it in Jan., 1882, he described it as a place capable
of a considerable trade, rendered, however,
impossible by the "present system of protection
kept up at such a serious cost to the
State." In fact, as Mr. Andrews' experience
goes to prove, Wuchow has been the head-
quarters of the system, which has been
deliberately aimed at preventing all foreign trade
whatever gaining access to Kwangsi. As to
the Hekow river, much has been mentioned in the
telegrams, the despatch after the manner of
judging. It is not impossible that Tientsin,
where the Fuh, flowing from the north-east, is
the province, joins the main river. It is prob-
ably the highest point of the river available
even for light-draft steamer navigation. As to
the amount of trade likely to accrue to
Hongkong from the partial opening of the West
River, we are not, of course, in a position to
judge. All the authorities who can speak from
local knowledge agree in stating that the trade

Intimations.

CHOICE SELECTION OF SWEETS.

"Reviving Sweets repair the Mind's Decay."—POPE.

CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE CREAMS.

A Large Variety in FANCY BOXES, at Popular Prices.

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CHOCOLATE PISTACHE. MARRONS GLACES.
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In Powder and C.ystal, also in Drops of 5
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FEVER, RHEUMATIC AND NEURALGIC
AFFECTIONS,
NERVOUS AFFECTIONS.

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SOLUBLE CASEIN-SILVER PREPARATION.
Used in Gonorrhoea to 2 to 3 per cent. solution
in water, it is a powerful antiseptic, acting
on the mucous membrane, and is distinguished by complete
absence of irritating properties.
It is requested that the directions on the
box for making solutions shall be implicitly
followed.

CHINA EXPORT, IMPORT & BANK CO.,
SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA.
BEWARE OF SPURIOUS IMITATIONS!

KUHN & KOMOR,

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21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG,
35, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA
and
36, DIVISION STREET, KOBE.
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PRESENTS.

JUST ARRIVED.

AN Immense Assortment of the best
ENGLISH AND FRENCH general
JEWELLERY,
WATCHES AND FANCY GOODS.
Prices Moderate.
L. VY HERMANOS,
Opposite Telegraph Office.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1896. [1919]

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Godowns and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be noted on mark by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.
This vessel being on Cargo—
From Persia Gulf, ex S.S. Nawab, Meftah,
&c.
Goods not cleared by the 5th January, at 4
P.M. will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.
All damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Godown Company within ten
days after the Vessel's arrival here after which
no Claims will be recognized.
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1896. [5]
NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "OLYMPIA,"
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA,
KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamship having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature,
and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1896. [14]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship
"CITY OF PEKING"
are hereby notified that their Goods are being
landed and stored at their risk in the Company's
Godowns at Wharves, from whence delivery may
be obtained on countersignature of Bills of
Lading.
Goods remaining undischarged after the 8th
Instant, will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1897. [1]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
To follow the S.S. *Aslow* and *Claverhill*.
THE Steamship

"MORVEN"
on or about the 15th January, 1897.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, 18th December, 1896. [77]

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
THE Company's Steamship

"TSINAN,"
Captain Ramsay, will be despatched TO-
MORROW, the 6th Instant, at Noon.
The attention of Passengers is directed to the
Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamship.
The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the
Engine. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the
Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire
voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the
Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1897. [1994]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.
THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING,"
Captain J. C. Spence, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 6th January,
at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
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Hongkong, 31st December, 1896. [2023]

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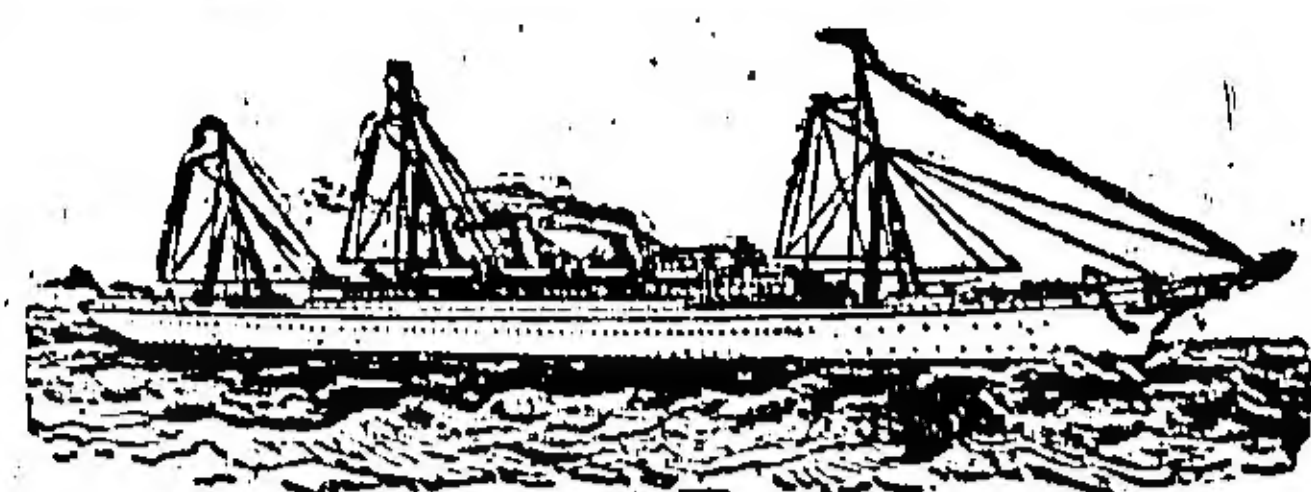
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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES.(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.)
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 20th January, 1897
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 17th February, '97
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 17th March.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF
JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12
DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL
TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent
FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is
made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which
passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.
Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return
tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.
SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Navy, Military,
Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan
Governments.

CIRCULAR PACIFIC TOUR TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney
Australia, via Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong via Brisbane and Torres Straits, Good for
9 months, £100.
The attractive features of this Company's route, embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS,
(second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS
(the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition)
and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the
Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by
the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.
For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Paddy's Street.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1896.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIEN-
TAL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO
JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,
MEXICO,
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND
EUROPE.

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... Saturday, 16th Jan., at Noon, 1897.
Belge (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... Thursday, 4th Feb., at Noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... Tuesday, 23rd Feb., at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"DORIC"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND
SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on
SATURDAY, the 16th January, 1897, at Noon.
Steamers of this line pass through the IN-
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu
and passengers are allowed to break their
journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines
of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the
United States or Canada. Rates, and particu-
lars of the various Routes, may be obtained
upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to
Missionaries, members of the Navy, Military,
Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European
Officials in service of China and Japan, and to
Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking
at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice
versa) within one year, will be allowed a dis-
count of 10 per cent. This allowance does not
apply to through fares for China and Japan
to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to
address in full; and same will be received at
the Company's Office until Five P.M. the day
previous sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-
tined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the
United States, should be sent to the Company's
Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information, as to Freight or
Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company,
No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent
Hongkong, 29th December, 1896. [19]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,
SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS,
COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS,
NAVAL CONTRACTORS
AND GENERAL COMMISSION
AGENTS,
PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG,
SOAP MANUFACTURERS.

SOLE AGENTS FOR
HARTMANN'S RAHTEN'S GENUINE
COMPOSITION RED HAND BRAND.
HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT.
DAIMLER'S PATENT MOTOR LAUNCHES
&c., &c.

Sole Agents for
FERGUSON'S SPECIAL CREAM
and
P. & O. SPECIAL LIQUOR SCOTCH
WHISKY, &c.

EVERY KIND OF
SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES
ALWAYS IN STOCK
AT
REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 18th Dec. 1896. [19]

Mails.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STRAIT FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG,
PORTS IN THE LEVANT,
BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS:

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT
SOUTHAMPTON
TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH
BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL
PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Bayern..... Thursday, 7th Jan.
Prinz Heinrich..... Tuesday... [and Feb.
Prinzess..... Tuesday... [and March.

ON THURSDAY, the 7th day of January,
1897, at 4 A.M., the Company's Steamship
"BAYERN," Captain B. Blanke, with MALES,
PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will
leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and
GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on
SATURDAY, the 2nd Jan. Cargo and Specie
will be received on board until 4 P.M. on MONDAY
the 4th Jan. and Parcels will be received at
the Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY, the
4th Jan. Contents of Packages are required.
No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than
25 lbs. and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet
Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.
Linen can be washed on board.
For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1897. [1899]



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,
ADEN, SOYOT, MEDITERRANEAN
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,
PERIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and
AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"GANGES,"
Captain T. F. Creery, carrying Her Majesty's
Mails, will be despatched from this Port for BOMBAY,
on THURSDAY, the 14th January, at
Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above
Ports. This Steamer connects at Bombay with the
S.S. *Peninsular* leaving that Port for
London direct on the 6th February.

Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France,
and Tea for London (under arrangement) will
be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer
proceeding direct to Marseilles and London;
other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed
via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4
P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and
Value of all Packages are required.
Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills
of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 31st December, 1896. [13]

NORTHERN PACIFIC
STEAMSHIP AND RAILWAY
COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to
the very cheap rates offered by this Line
to the PACIFIC COAST and the INTERIOR and
EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and
CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON \$400.
Excellent accommodation. First-class Table.
Doctor and STEWARDESSE carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK \$350.
The Railroad travelling is second to none on
the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery
of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passen-
gers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first
class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA \$225.
Rates of Passage to other Points on application.
Special rates allowed to members of Govern-
ment Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Olympia..... 2,608 Tuesday... [Jan. 19
Drammar..... 3,601 Tuesday... [Feb. 9
Tacoma..... 2,549 Tuesday... [Mar. 2

THE Steamship

"OLYMPIA,"
Captain J. T. Trenchard, sailing at Noon, on
TUESDAY, the 20th January, will proceed to
VICTORIA, (B.C.) and TACOMA, (Wash.),
via KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan,
Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and
United States Ports.
Consular Invoices of Goods for United States
Points should be in quadruplicate, and one
copy must be sent forward by the steamer to
the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific
Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address
marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to
sailing.
For further information as to Passage or
Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1897. [14]

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